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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In an Office Action dated May 17, 2005, the Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 as follows:

- Claims 74-84, drawn to compositions comprising an antigen and a I. substantially pure saponin, classified in class 424, subclass 278.1
- Claims 85-93, drawn to methods of inducing an immune response by П. administration of a composition comprising an antigen and a saponin, classified in class 514, subclass 2.

Additionally, the Examiner has required election of a specific pathogen in Claim 84 or Claim 93. The Examiner has also required election of a specific metal that is to be used as a metallic salt. Finally, the Examiner has required Applicant to elect a single disclosed species

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for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

In response, Applicants elect Group I claims with traverse and select *Plasmodium* as the antigen (Claim 83) and aluminum as the specific metal (Claims 80-81). Further, Applicants select cholesterol as the sterol (Claim 76).

Respectfully submitted

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